



Date of Notice: August 3, 2021

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (R.I. Gen. Law 42-35), as amended (specifically Section 42-35.2.11 of the Administrative Procedures Act) and pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-12-23 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, the Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby proposes to adopt an amendment for the following program:

**RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services**  
**Chapter 70 – Office of Child Care Licensing**  
**Part 7 – Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) hereby proposes to file a Direct Final Rule to amend the Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure . The DHS does not expect this proposed amendment to the rule to be controversial and does not anticipate any objections. This proposed amendment will implement the following:

§ 7.3.7(F)-Added Family Engagement section

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/218-70-00-7>), on the Department of Human Services website (<https://dhs.ri.gov/regulations/proposed-rules-and-regulations>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2018 or RI Relay, dial 711). If no formal objection is received on or before September 2, 2021, the Department of Human Services will file the amendment without opportunity for public comment. All written objections should be sent to Tara Borges, Office of Policy Analysis, Research & Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building Bldg. #57, 25 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 or [tara.borges@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:tara.borges@dhs.ri.gov) and must be received no later than 11:59 PM September 2, 2021.

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